

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation  
Washington, DC 20505

10 August 1984

Col Carl B. Krueger  
Commander, 28<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing  
Strategic Air Command  
Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota 57706

Dear Col Krueger,

This letter is to express my gratitude and appreciation on behalf of the Committee for the informative and interesting orientation visit to the 28<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Wing on 2 August 1984.

COMIREX, as a Washington-level Committee, spends considerable time on planning and budgeting for the best utilization of national assets, fulfillment of national requirements, and support to the U&S commands. Rarely, however, do we get a chance to talk to and interact with the user of these costly products at the operational unit level. The program presented to us at Ellsworth more than fulfilled the objectives of the trip. The interaction with the staff and crew personnel was candid and informative. We noted a number of areas that emphasized to us the need for timely imagery support to the operational units. It was very heartening and assuring to note the overall sense of professionalism and dedication of the personnel to accomplishment of their mission.

I must also comment on the hospitality accorded to us in making basic program and support arrangements while at Ellsworth and would like to commend and thank Major James R. Dupre, the Project Officer, and also the crew of the KC-135 from the 28<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Squadron which provided airlift: Capt. Myron A. Sommervold, Pilot; 1/LT Michael C. Poole, Co-Pilot; Capt. Wayne A. Schiefer, Navigator; TSG Keith E. Janssen, SSG Joseph G. Gedmann and AIC Eickler, Boom Operators; SSG Edward McCarter, Crew Chief; and AIC Michael E. Brezina, Crew Member. The opportunity to fly with the tanker crew and observe refueling operations gave us a rare chance for a first-hand observation of these functions which are vital to the support of the SAC mission. The crew members were very helpful in making us comfortable on the flight and very willing to explain their various duties to us. We all found the flight with the KC-135 crew an enjoyable and educational experience.

In closing, I echo the comments of the Committee members that this was a most successful and worthwhile trip. Please express our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the officers and airmen of the 28<sup>th</sup> BMW who helped contribute to the outstanding success of this visit.

Chairman

STAT

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

Distribution:

Original - Addressee

- 1 - D/ICS
- 1 - Major General Doyle, HQ, SAC/IN
- 1 - Air Force Member/CMX
- ✓ 1 - CMX Ex Staff
- 1 - CMX Chrono
- 1 - CMX Subject
- 1 - ICS Registry

DCI/ICS/CM [ ] /10Aug84/ [ ]

SSTAT